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J. M. THORBURN & CO.'S  
Trade Circular of  
Specialties and Novelties for 1895.

NEW YORK, October, 1894.

We issue this Circular at the present season to enable you to include in your Catalogue the varieties described.



J. M. THORBURN & CO.'S  
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**Specialties and Novelties for 1895.**

**NEW VEGETABLE SEEDS.**



**Thorburn Valentine Wax Bean.**

**FIRST IN EARLINESS, FIRST IN PRODUCTIVENESS, and FIRST IN QUALITY.**

This is an improved Extra Early Valentine Bean, with round wax pods. Originated with T. V. Maxon, the well known cultivator, of Jefferson Co., N. Y. The type is so perfectly fixed that only one plant with green pods was found in the field, and that was probably from a stray bean. It grows only about 15 inches high, with a strong stalk and an abundance of foliage.

It is without any exception the earliest Wax Bean in use, being even earlier than our Refugee Wax. Beans planted on June 18 produce pods 4 inches long by July 25, and on August 1 half a crop could be picked.

The pods are very meaty, and with so very little string that they may justly be called **stringless**. Certainly no other bean has less string or less hard shell to the pod as long as they are suitable for cooking. It is the best quality for snap beans of any Wax Bean in use. It is remarkably free from rust, and remains a long time without becoming tough.

Combined with these valuable features of extreme earliness and excellence of quality is its **enormous productiveness**. In this respect, also, it excels any bean in cultivation. Our cut is a just representation of an average plant. All who saw the field before harvest pronounced it the fullest podded field they had ever seen. The pods are well held up from the ground.

**Per quart, \$1.25 ; half-peck, \$4 ; peck, \$7 ; half-bus., \$12 ; bushel, \$20.**





### Thorburn Dwarf Lima Bean.

(Kumerle Strain.)

A dwarf form of our famous Challenger Lima—the finest of all Limas. It is a veritable dwarf Lima, growing only from 12 to 18 inches high, perfectly fixed in habit, and with hardly any inclination to run to vine. It possesses in full the delicious flavor characteristic of the genuine Challenger Lima, in which respect it differs from all other Bush Limas. It is exceedingly productive, bearing from 50 to 60 pods on the bush. Some of these contain two, some four, but most of them three beans, all as large as those of the ordinary Challenger Lima. The pods are short and unusually thick, and display the seeds inside by prominent knobs, as shown in our illustration. They should be planted two feet apart and one foot in a row. One plant only should be allowed to grow in a hill. **\$8 per bushel.**

### Thorburn Prolific Market Bean.

An exceedingly vigorous and healthy grower and enormously productive, the pods being borne in thick clusters, and as many as 35 to 40 on each plant. It is rust-proof to a remarkable degree. Out of a lot left in an open vessel for eight days, not one was found to be yellow or rusty. The seeds being black, it is likely to remain true to its character longer than light or different colored beans. The pods are of a light green color, long and perfectly round, solid-fleshed, and of very soft marrow and texture. For productiveness, solidity of flesh and roundness of pod, it excels any now in cultivation. **\$6 per bushel.**



## Keeney's Rustless Golden Wax Bean.

Combines hardiness and productiveness with fine quality. A strong-growing bush variety of remarkable vigor and freedom from rust. It sends out short tendrils, on which pods are formed in addition to those near the central stalk of the plant, which accounts for its wonderful productiveness, amounting, under favorable conditions, to 100 to 150 fold.

The packets contain an ounce of beans, being 60 to 75 in number, and if planted one bean in a place, 10 inches apart in the row and the rows 24 to 28 inches apart, they will produce, under favorable conditions, a bountiful supply for a small family.

The pods are meaty and well filled, thick-flat when young, and semi-round later; of rich yellow color and fine quality, and stringless, even when large enough to shell. If the pods are picked as fast as formed, the plant continues to furnish a bountiful supply for an unusually long season.

**Retail price, per pkt., 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; 100 pkts. for \$7.**

## Thorburn Manhattan Sweet Corn.

This is by far the earliest Sweet Corn grown—being ready for the table in six weeks from the time of planting. It is a delicious Sweet Corn, although not wrinkled. The ears are very small, averaging only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 inches in length. In the extreme north, where it originated, the stalks grow only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet high. They have very little foliage, and the corn can, therefore, be planted close together in drills instead of in hills. The ears are produced close to the ground. The type is yellow, but it occasionally shows white and yellow on the same ear.

**Per quart, 50 cts.; half-peck, \$1.50; peck, \$2.50; half-bus., \$4.50; bus., \$8.**

## Potato, Carman No. 1.

It is doubtful if any novelty ever created such a sensation among potato growers as this wonderful new Potato, introduced by us last year. Though offered for sale at an almost prohibitive price, the demand for it was many times in excess of our supply, and as many of our friends in the trade were disappointed in securing some last year, we would recommend them to order promptly on receipt of this.

For full description, see our current General Catalogue. We need here only repeat that for large, uniform size, handsome appearance, and greatness of yield, it is equalled only by the Carman No. 3, described on the next page, while for excellence of table quality it is without a peer.

Owing to the drought, the Potatoes are quite small this year. **\$14 per bbl.**





### The New Potato, Carman No. 3.

Last year we had the honor to introduce the **Carman No. 1** Potato, being the second success of the experienced originator whose name it bears, in an attempt to obtain three *perfect* Potatoes—an Early, an Intermediate and a Late. The **Carman No. 1** is the *early*; the **Rural New-Yorker No. 2**, introduced in 1889, is the *intermediate*, and the **CARMAN No. 3**, which we now offer for the first time, is the *late* variety. Like the former two sorts, it is a seedling from seedlings raised through several generations, and it resembles them in shape, and also in having very few and very shallow eyes.

As may be seen from the illustration, it is of the shapeliest form, and even in drouthy seasons its perfect shape is retained. Without any approach to an exception, it is the **greatest yielder ever introduced!** It may fairly be claimed that it does not yield any small tubers at all in ordinary seasons. It bears its tubers very close to the plant, a single turn of the fork turning out every Potato. It is of the **largest size**, the tubers usually **averaging in weight a pound each**; but on account of the very dry weather of the past season, our present stock runs much smaller than it otherwise would. It is a perfect keeper; that is, it will not sprout up to planting time, unless kept in a warm place. Both skin and flesh are of extreme whiteness.



### Our Claims for **CARMAN NO. 3** are :

- 1st. It is the handsomest large Potato ever produced.
- 2d. It will outyield any other Potato whatever.
- 3d. Practically every Potato is of marketable size.
- 4th. Its table qualities are fully up to the highest standard, it has no hollow hearts, and no hard or dark parts.

We are confident that it will soon be the most popular variety for field culture, on account of its enormous productiveness and great beauty. **\$20 per bbl.**

### Station Pea. (New.)

An extra early wrinkled Pea, growing about two feet in height. It produces *more than twice* the number of pods of any extra early variety of Smooth Pea now in use. Not only that, but the pods are of larger size, better filled and the Peas of better quality than those of any smooth Extra Early sort. The crop is ready to pick but a few days later than the very earliest.

**Per quart, 75 cts.; half-peck, \$2.50; peck, \$4.**

### Victoria Spinach. (New.)

This new variety is distinguished for its exceedingly dark black-green color, and also for its very long-standing qualities, being from two to three weeks later than the ordinary "Long-Standing." The leaves are thick and spread out flat upon the ground. It is excellent for spring sowing, but not sufficiently hardy to stand the winter in this locality.

**Per lb., 20 cts.; 100 lbs., \$15.**

### The Autocrat Tomato. (New.)

A new hybrid originated by Mr. Carman. It is very large, of fine, regular shape, very solid and with few seeds. It ripens about the stem, and is a good producer. The vines are strong and with little foliage. In ripening it is medium early, and in color it resembles the well-known Acme. A good shipper. (Only in papers—retail at **10c. each.**)

**Per 100 pkts., \$5; 500 pkts. and upwards, at \$4.50 per 100; 1,000 pkts. and upward, at \$4 per 100.**

### The Democrat Tomato. (New.)

This is also a cross-bred variety of Mr. Carman's, the female parentage being the same as that of the Autocrat, which it resembles in form, solidity, fewness of seeds and ripening about the stem. It is also of large size and very prolific. In color it is a fine, dark purplish red. It is a vigorous grower, with dark green foliage. Medium early and a good shipper. (Only in papers—retail at **10 cts. each.**)

**Per 100 pkts., \$5; 500 pkts. and upward, at \$4.50 per 100; 1,000 pkts. and upward, at \$4 per 100.**



## NEW FLOWER SEEDS.



### Carnation, Double Perpetual. (New.)

This new Carnation was raised by Mr. Chabaud, the foremost Carnation grower of Europe. It is the most valuable of his introductions, and this alone is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence to all who are familiar with the work of this distinguished specialist.

The plant grows from 16 to 20 inches high, is closely branched, and carries its blooms well. The straight, vertical flower-stems are covered with large, handsome, very double flowers in every variety of color. It will be found invaluable for florists.

It blooms in about seven months after being sown, and continues to flower in the greatest profusion indefinitely. It possesses all the good qualities of the best Tree Carnations, together with the earliness of the Margaret Carnation, and produces double flowers at the rate of 80 to 90 per cent. In view of its earliness, hardiness, robust growth, perfect bearing, variety of color of the flowers and the long continued time in which they are produced, it is likely to supersede all varieties hitherto grown.

The seed we offer was saved exclusively in the Garden of Carnations of Provence, under the personal supervision of Mr. Chabaud himself. It may be sown either in autumn or early spring.

Per trade pkt., \$1; one-eighth oz., \$3; ounce, \$20.

**J. M. THORBURN & CO.,**

15 John St., New York.



